

an unscrupulous individual who might use an entrapment method that could be devastating to the young people of this state. I am going to continue to listen to the debate. I would like to be able to visit personally with the introducers of the bill. I'd ask them to go back because it hasn't been too many years I had a similar bill...

PRESIDENT: Time, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and it was a bill which caused a great amount of concern on this floor. I think we need to be aware of that at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland. There are no other lights on. You have the opportunity to close. Senator Chambers, you wish to speak again? Excuse me. I didn't see your light, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right. I'll be brief, Mr. Chairman. We had a drug study committee, a committee specially designated by the Legislature and created by the Legislature to look at drug enforcement laws. Some of what we saw was so bad that we had to put in statute that law enforcement agencies could not bring people out of the penitentiaries, jails and other correctional facilities to be used as informants. Imagine if you are in jail and they tell you, we'll lighten up on you if you go out here and make some busts for us. That is what they were doing. They had people, the State Patrol, right on down were taking convicted felons and getting them to pull somebody else into the commission of a crime. Then when the crime was committed at the instigation of this convict, then the person who had been drawn into it became a felon too. That is on crimes other than drugs, but on the drugs it was widespread because they need the statistics. In order to justify their budgets they came to us and sometimes they would break down the activities of one individual into several individual offenses so it would make you think that every offense you see listed here is an individual. So if you've got 1,000 offenses dealt with you'd think you've got 1,000 drug dealers, but it may not be that at all. As we questioned them, and there are records of the committee hearings that will establish this, it was clear that the hard drugs were not being dealt with. Marijuana and the things that students were involved in were where most of the arrests were occurring. So, because of that, there was a